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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY
(Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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| <p>1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>6</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p>3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:</p> <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau) a total of <u>3</u> sheets, as follows:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> (sent to the International Bureau only) a total of (indicate type and number of electronic carrier(s)) _____, containing a sequence listing and/or tables related thereto, in computer readable form only, as indicated in the Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing (see Section 802 of the Administrative Instructions).</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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Box No. I Basils of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:
- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1-19 _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
- nos. _____ as originally filed/furnished
- nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- nos.* 1, 2, 6, 9-14, 18 received by this Authority on 30-08-2004
- nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the drawings:
- sheets 1-11 _____ as originally filed/furnished
- sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. ☒ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☒ the claims, nos. 3-5, 7, 8, 15-17
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____
4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
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* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. II

Priority

1. ☐ This report has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the failure to furnish within the prescribed time limit the requested:
- ☐ copy of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 66.7(a)).
- ☐ translation of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 66.7(b)).
2. ☐ This report has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the fact that the priority claim has been found invalid (Rule 64.1). Thus for the purposes of this report, the international filing date indicated above is considered to be the relevant date.
3. Additional observations, if necessary:

The critical date for the invention set forth in claims 1, 2, 6, 9 to 14 and 18 is 21 November 2003.

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| Box No. V | Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement | | |
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| 1. Statement | | | |
| Novelty (N) | Claims | 1, 2, 6, 9-14, 18 | YES |
| | Claims | | NO |
| Inventive step (IS) | Claims | 1, 2, 6, 9-14, 18 | YES |
| | Claims | | NO |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Claims | 1, 2, 6, 9-14, 18 | YES |
| | Claims | | NO |
| 2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7) | | | |
| <p>A nonaqueous electrolyte secondary battery using "a positive electrode active material, which is a lithium cobaltate containing Zr and Mg obtained by mixing in raw materials when fabricating a positive electrode substance by heat treatment, wherein the total content of Zr and Mg combined does not exceed 3mol% with respect to the total of these elements and the cobalt in the lithium cobaltate, and in the state after the aforementioned heat treatment, a compound containing Zr is sintered in a particle state with the surface of the lithium cobaltate particles, and Zr is detected only in said Zr compound particles, and not detected in the lithium cobaltate particles", and a charging/discharging method for charging said nonaqueous electrolyte secondary battery to a charging final voltage of at least 4.3V, are not disclosed in any of the documents cited in the international search report, and would not be obvious to a person skilled in the art.</p> | | | |

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Box No. VI

Certain documents cited

1. Certain published documents (Rule 70.10)

| Application No. Patent No. | Publication date (day/month/year) | Filing date (day/month/year) | Priority date (valid claim) (day/month/year) |
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| JP 2004-047437 A [E, X] | 12.02.2004 | 02.05.2003 | 16.05.2002 |

2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 70.9)

| Kind of non-written disclosure | Date of non-written disclosure (day/month/year) | Date of written disclosure referring to non-written disclosure (day/month/year) |
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Box No. VII **Certain defects in the international application**

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

The invention set forth in claim 18 is understood to be a typographic error for "method for charging a nonaqueous electrolyte secondary battery".